

# REEDSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Kids Playing, Find Human Bones**

(Reedsburg, WI) Two Reedsburg children playing in the woods behind Greenwood Cemetery, 1000 Myrtle Street, found human bone fragments Saturday evening.

Reedsburg Police were notified at 5:15pm by the children's parents that the kids had come home with, what appeared to be, a very old human skull fragment. The kids led police to a small dirt pile on the Greenwood Cemetery property where they located the fragment.

The site was a location used by the Cemetery to store dirt taken from more recent gravesite excavations.

The bones most likely came from an unmarked or mismarked gravesite dating back to the middle to late 1800s when the cemetery was first opened. As new sites are excavated, the older, unmarked sites can be unintentionally disturbed.

Officers were on the scene Sunday afternoon searching the area for any additional fragments.

Reedsburg Police are working with the Sauk County Coroner's Office and the UW-Madison Anthropology Department to evaluate the fragments. Preliminary estimates date the fragment back nearly 80-100 years.

The investigation is on-going.

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